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Inquiry: Is there a law in the state of California that states a physician's order is required in order to perform a spirometry test on another person? How about oximetry?

Response: The performance of any spirometry or oximetry measurement without an order from a physician is not allowed under the current practice act unless its obtainment is part of a respiratory care protocol as outline in section 3702. The Board recommends that you discuss the development of such a protocol with the Medical Director of your home care service.

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